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### **CAMP VERDE MAN SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS INCARCERATION AND ORDERED TO PAY \$100,000 RESTITUTION FOR ILLEGALLY DUMPING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN THE U.S. NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE PROPERTY NEAR CAMP VERDE**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** –The United States Attorneys Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on April 21, 2003, Eugene A. Carter, born April 27, 1953, of Camp Verde, Arizona, was sentenced to 18 months in federal custody, ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$100,000 to the Forest Service, and placed on supervised release after serving his sentence, by District Judge Robert C. Broomfield, in Phoenix, Arizona.

On November 2, 2001, the United States Forest Service began an investigation into the “dumping” of materials in the Coconino National Forest. The cite was a gravel pit located on the United States National Forest Service property near the town of Camp Verde.

The investigation revealed that Mr Carter and his co-defendants had disposed of some 1304 containers of various chemicals many of which were found to be hazardous. Included among the chemicals found were Mercury, Arsenic Trichloride, and Sulfuric Acid. The Arizona Department of Environmental

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Quality, United States Forest Service personnel and a private company were brought in to examine, catalogue, and dispose of the material. Clean up cost ran well over \$100,000.00 dollars.

Carter and his two co-defendants were charged in a four count Indictment with various federal crimes including the Improper Disposal of Hazardous Waste in violation of Title 42 United States Code, Section 6928(d)(2).

Carter entered a plea of guilty on February 10, 2003 to Improper Disposal of Hazardous Waste. The co-defendants plead guilty to the same charge and received 30 months of probation and were ordered to make restitution to the Forest Service in the amount of \$100,000.00.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the United States Forest Service and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

The prosecution was handled by Paul V. Rood and Mark Aspey, Assistant United States Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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